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UPI FROM LUSAKA REPORTS ON PRES. KUANDA'S REACTION TO SECRETARY'S SPEECH. KAUNDA, OFF THE CUFF, CALLED IT "OF PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE" AND THANKED SECRETARY FOR CHOOSING ZAMBIA FOR "MAKING THIS DEFINITE DEPARTURE FROM THE PAST."

AP (SCHWEID) FROM LUSAKA LEADS: KISSINGER VOWED TODAY "UNRELENTING OPPOSITION: BY THE U.S. TO PM IAM SMITH'S WHITE MINORITY REGIME IN RHODESIA. SMITH CRITICIZED SECRETARY FOR JUDGING RHODESIA "FROM A PRECONCEIVED STANCE". SMITH SAID, "I REGRET THAT HE DID NOT TAKE THE TROUBLE TO COME TO RHODESIA IN ORDER TO JUDGE FOR HIMSELF THE TRUE STATE OF AFFAIRS BEFORE ATTEMPTING TO MAKE DECISIONS ON OUR BEHALF." RHODESIAN DESK LEADER GABELLAH TERMED THE SPEECH AS "ANTI-CLIMAX" AND SAID IT "OFFERED

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NOTHING THAT IS NEW."

PRES. KAUNDA, IN REMARKS FOLLOWING KISSINGER'S ADDRESS, URGED THE U.S. TO TAKE MORE POSITIVE APPROACHES TO PROBLEMS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA AND WARNED TIME WAS NOT ON SIDE OF WHITES.

KISSINGER MET FOR 40 MINUTES WITH JOSHUA NKOMO AND REPORTED THAT HE OUTLINED FOR NKOMO THE FORD ADMINISTRATION'S BACKING FOR MAJORITY RULE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. KISSINGER AND NKOMO "AGREED TO STAY IN CONTACT".

REUTERS (NELSON) FROM LUSAKA LEADS: KISSINGER, DELIVERING KEYNOTE SPEECH OF HIS AFRICAN TOUR, SAID TODAY THAT WHITE MINORITY REGIME IN RHODESIA WOULD FACE AMERICA'S "UNRELENTING OPPOSITION" UNTIL BLACK MAJORITY RULE IS ACHIEVED THERE THE SPEECH WAS ENTHUSIASTICALLY RECEIVED BY PRESIDENT KAUNDA.

KISSINGER'S SPEECH SEEMED TO CONSTITUTE A U.S. DECLARATION OF PSYCHOLOGICAL, ECONOMIC AND DIPLOMATIC WAR AGAINST RHODESIA AND WAS BY FAR THE STRONGEST STATEMENT MADE BY U.S. AGAINST SMITH'S REGIME.

A SENIOR U.S. OFFICIAL SAID U.S. HOPED THE SPEECH WOULD HAVE A MAJOR PSYCHOLOGICAL IMPACT ON RHODESIA'S WHITES.

KISSINGER MET WITH BLACK RHODESIAN NATIONALIST LEADER NKOMO AN AMERICAN OFFICIAL SAID THEIR TALKS HAD GONE VERY WELL.

NBC EVENING NEWS: TOM BROKAW: KISSINGER OUTLINED A TOUGH NEW AMERICAN POLICY TOWARD RHODESIA TODAY AND KISSINGER HAD TO CANCEL A PLANNED VISIT TO GHANA.

STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS IN GHANA FORCED SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER TO CANGE HIS PLANNED VISIT TO THAT WEST AFRICAN COUNTRY. KISSINGER WAS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE IN GHANA THURSDAY AS PART OF HIS AFRICAN TOUR, BUT STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS THERE HAVE BECOME INCREASINGLY HOSTILE.

IN ZAMBIA TODAY KISSINGER PROMISED THE U.S. WOULD
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OFFER WHAT HE CALLED "UNRELENTING OPPOSITION" TO THE CONTINUATION OF THE WHITE MINORITY GOVERNMENT IN RHODESIA. KISSINGER SAID THE FORD ADMINISTRATION WOULD URGE CONGRESS TO REPEAL THE BYRD AMENDMENT WHICH PERMITS THE IMPORTATION OF RHODESIA'S CHROME. HE ALSO SAID THE U.S. WOULD PUSH FOR BLACK MAJORITY RULE IN RHODESIA WITHIN 2 YEARS. BLACK AFRICAN LEADERS AND GREAT BRITAIN STRONGLY SUPPORTED THE NEW AMERICAN POLICY. RHODESIAN

PM IAN SMITH, ON THE OTHER HAND, ACCUSED KISSINGER OF MAKING JUDGMENTS AND CONDEMNATIONS WITHOUT GIVING RHODESIA A CHANCE TO ANSWER.

CBS EVENING NEWS: (DAN RATHER) DECLARING THAT AFRICA'S DESTINY MUST REMAIN IN AFRICAN HANDS, SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER WARNED THE RHODESIAN GOVERNMENT TODAY THAT IT MUST PEACEFULLY TRANSFER POWER TO THAT COUNTRY'S BLACK MAJORITY. UNTIL THAT HAPPENS, KISSINGER SAID, DURING A SPEECH AT LUSAKA, ZAMBIA, THE WHITE MINORITY GOVERNMENT OF RHODESIA WILL ENCOUNTER "UNRELENTING US OPPOSITION."

IN SALSBURY, RHODESIAN PM IAN SMITH CRITICIZED KISSINGER'S SPEECH AND ACCUSED HIM OF JUDGING AND CONDEMNING US FROM A PRECONCEIVED STANCE. SMITH ANNOUNCED WHAT HE CALLED A NEW DEAL FOR RHODESIAN BLACKS, WHICH OUTNUMBER THE WHITES BY MORE THAN 20 TO 1. HE SAID HE PLANS TO BRING 4 ADDITIONAL TRIBAL CHIEFS INTO THE RHODESIAN GOVERNMENT AS CABINET MINISTERS AND 6 OTHER BLACK AFRICANS AS DEPUTY MINISTERS.

KISSINGER'S SPEECH WAS BILLED AS SETTING FORTH MAJOR U.S. POLICY AND INDEED IT IS THE STRONGEST U.S. STATEMENT EVER MADE ON THE RHODESIAN SITUATION. KISSINGER UNVEILED A 10-POINT PROGRAM OF MASSIVE DISCOURAGEMENT AGAINST RHODESIA AND SAID THE FORD ADMINISTRATION WOULD ASK CONGRESS TO REPEAL AUTHORIZATION FOR THE IMPORT OF RHODESIAN CHROME WHICH IS NOW BEING IMPORTED IN DEFIANCE OF UN SANCTIONS. IN ADDITION, AMERICANS WOULD BE DISCOURAGED FROM TRAVELING TO RHODESIA; ALSO U.S. AID WOULD BE OFFERED TO NEIGHBORING MOZAMBIQUE WHICH HAS SUFFERED ECONOMICALLY SINCE CLOSING ITS BORDER WITH RHODESIA; AND U.S. AID WOULD BE GIVEN TO RHODESIAN BLACKS FLEEING TO

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OTHER COUNTRIES. SEVERAL THOUSAND OF THEM HAVE CROSSED INTO MOZAMBIQUE.

KISSINGER WAS TO HAVE VISITED GHANA THURSDAY AS PART OF HIS TWO WEEK TOUR OF BLACK AFRICA BUT STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS HAVE FORCED HIM TO REMOVE GHANA NOW FROM HIS ITINERARY.

ABC EVENING NEWS: (HARRY REASONER) SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER'S AFRICAN TOUR WAS MARKED TODAY BY A MAJOR POLICY SPEECH IN ZAMBIA AND THE CANCELLATION OF AN INTENDED VISIT TO GHANA. OFFICIALS IN GHANA SAID THEIR CHIEF OF STATE WAS ILL, BUT THE CANCELLATION FOLLOWED ANTI-AMERICAN DEMONSTRATIONS BY STUDENTS.

IN ZAMBIA, KISSINGER PUT THE U.S. FIRMLY AGAINST THE WHITE REGIME IN RHODESIA AND CALLED FOR MAJORITY RULE THERE BY NEGOTIATION WITHIN 2 YEARS. HE URGED AMERICANS NOT TO STAY IN RHODESIA, NOT TO VISIT THERE BECAUSE THEY COULD NOT BE PROTECTED IN CASE OF WAR. KISSINGER SAID THE FORD ADMINISTRATION WOULD ASK CONGRESS TO CUT OFF AMERICAN IMPORTS OF RHODESIAN CHROME, THUS PUTTING PRESSURE ON THE SMITH GOVERNMENT'S ECONOMY.

THE SPEECH WAS WELCOMED BY THE BRITISH FOREIGN OFFICE BUT ONE BLACK AFRICAN NATIONALIST LEADER SAID IT OFFERED NOTHING NEW. AND KISSINGER'S ANTI-RHODESIAN STAND WAS NOT WELCOMED IN THE CAPITAL OF SALISBURY. PM IAN SMITH ATTACKED KISSINGER FOR WHAT HE CALLED PRECONCEIVED IDEAS ABOUT THE SITUATION IN HIS COUNTRY. HE WENT ON TO ANNOUNCE THAT 10 BLACK AFRICANS, INCLUDING 4 TRIBAL CHIEFS, ARE TO BE TAKEN INTO THE RHODESIAN CABINET. THE RHODESIAN PARLIAMENT ALREADY HAS SOME BLACK MEMBERS BUT EVEN THEY HAVE TO LIVE WITH A FORM OF APARTHEID.

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